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1. SUMMARY: THE EC STATISTICAL OFFICE ESTIMATES THE
1977/78 EC GRAIN CROP AT 103.1 MILLION TONS, DOWN ABOUT
500,000 TONS FROM THEIR OCTOBER ESTIMATE. POTATO
PRODUCTION IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 38.6 MILLION TONS,
WHILE A RECORD SUGAR BEET HARVEST IS EXPECTED TO YIELD
11.6 MILLION TONS OF RAW SUGAR. WEATHER CONDITIONS
FOR SOWING OF THE WINTER GRAIN CROP HAVE BEEN GENERALLY
FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC'S STATISTICAL OFFICE HAS JUST RELEASED A
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REPORT OF THE 1977 HARVEST OF GRAIN AND OTHER CROPS.
THE 1977 GRAIN HARVEST EXCLUDING RICE IS NOW ESTIMATED
AT 103.1 MILLION TONS, DOWN ABOUT 500,000 TONS FROM
THE OCTOBER ESTIMATE (REFTEL), BUT WELL ABOVE LAST
YEAR'S POOR HARVEST OF 90.8 MILLION TONS. THE STATISTICAL
OFFICE ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, BARLEY, CORN
AND TOTAL GRAIN BY MEMBER STATE ARE SHOWN BELOW. IN

ADDITION TO THESE FIGURES, THE REPORT ESTIMATES PRODUCTION OF RYE AT 3.5 MILLION TONS, OATS AND MIXED GRAINS AT 8 MILLION TONS AND RICE (HUSKED) AT 0.74 MILLION TONS. THE EC POTATO HARVEST IS ESTIMATED AT 38.6 MILLION TONS AS COMPARED WITH 29 MILLION TONS IN 1976 AND THE OCTOBER ESTIMATE OF 37 MILLION TONS. THE SUGARBEET HARVEST IS NOW ESTIMATED AT 78 MILLION TONS, DOWN 3 MILLION TONS FROM THE OCTOBER ESTIMATE, BUT STILL AT A RECORD LEVEL. THE REPORT NOTES THAT F. O. LICHT ESTIMATES COMMUNITY RAW SUGAR PRODUCTION AT 11.6 MILLION TONS FOR 1977/78 AS COMPARED WITH 10.5 MILLION TONS LAST YEAR. FORAGE PRODUCTION IN THE COMMUNITY IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 30 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN 1976.

3. ESTIMATES OF EC GRAIN PRODUCTION (MILLION METRIC TONS):

COUNTRY	WHEAT	BARLEY	CORN (EXCLUDING RICE)
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EC-9	38.58	37.49	15.02	103.06
GERMANY	7.13	7.55	0.55	21.49
FRANCE	17.36	10.47	8.21	39.21
ITALY	6.55	0.69	6.20	13.86
NETHERLANDS	0.66	0.29	0.00	1.12
BELGIUM	0.76	0.67	0.05	1.71
LUXEMBOURG	0.03	0.06	--	0.13
UNITED KINGDOM	5.28	10.74	0.00	16.96

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IRELAND	0.22	1.12	--	1.46
DENMARK	0.59	5.91	--	7.14

4. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE GENERALLY MILD CLIMATIC CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTUMN WERE FAVORABLE TO SOWING OF WINTER CROPS, HOWEVER, IN SOME AREAS THERE WAS A LACK OF SOIL MOISTURE IN OCTOBER. MORRIS

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